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Note verbale dated 15 March 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the State of Bahrain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 1333 (2000), dated 19 December 2000, regarding the situation in Afghanistan, and has the honour to inform him that the Government of the State of Bahrain has taken all necessary steps to implement the said resolution. In reference to this, enclosed is a letter from a relevant authority in Bahrain (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 15 March 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 20 February 2001 from the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce of Bahrain addressed to the Director of the International Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

I refer to your letter dated 3 January 2001 addressed to the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce concerning the Security Council's imposition of further sanctions on the Afghan Taliban movement under the terms of its resolution 1333 (2000), given the failure of the Taliban to hand over Usama bin Laden to the United States of America. By paragraphs 5, 8, 10 and 11 of that resolution, the Council decides that all States shall undertake: to freeze funds and other financial assets of Usama bin Laden and individuals and entities associated with him; to close all offices of the Taliban movement in their territories, including the offices of Ariana Afghan Airlines; to deny any aircraft permission to take off from, land in or overfly their territories if that aircraft has taken off from or is destined to land at a place in the territory of Afghanistan under Taliban control; and to impose other restrictions on sales, shipments or transfers, direct or indirect, to territory under Taliban control.

Since the resolutions of the Security Council are binding on all Members of the United Nations, all States are required to take the necessary measures for the effective implementation of the aforesaid resolution and to report thereon within 30 days of the entry into force of the measures imposed by its paragraphs 5, 8, 10 and 11 to the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999). These measures were to enter into force 30 days after the adoption of the resolution, namely on 18 January 2001.

With reference to your request, in accordance with paragraph 20 of resolution 1333 (2000), that the Ministry of Commerce should notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the steps taken to implement the provisions of the resolution, I am pleased to inform you that we have written to the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry asking it to canvass companies and commercial establishments, especially its member airlines and travel agents. I am transmitting to you herewith a copy of the Chamber's reply for your information and any appropriate action (see appendix).

(*Signed*) Abd Allah Ahmad **Mansur**
Undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce

Appendix

Letter dated 28 January 2001 from the Director-General of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressed to the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce

I have received with thanks your letter dated 17 January 2001 concerning the imposition of further sanctions on the Taliban movement.

I am pleased to inform you that the Chamber will canvass all relevant companies and commercial establishments, especially airlines and travel agencies, and will urge them to contact the Ministry of Commerce for any further information they may require.

We wish you success in your task and in your worthy endeavours.

(*Signed*) Jasim Muhammad **al-Shatti**
Director-General